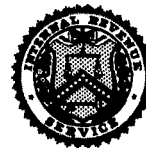


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# INDUSTRY CIRCULAR



OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE  
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO TAX DIVISION

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Use of Saffrole, Oil of Sassafras,  
Dihydrosaffrole, and Iso-saffrole

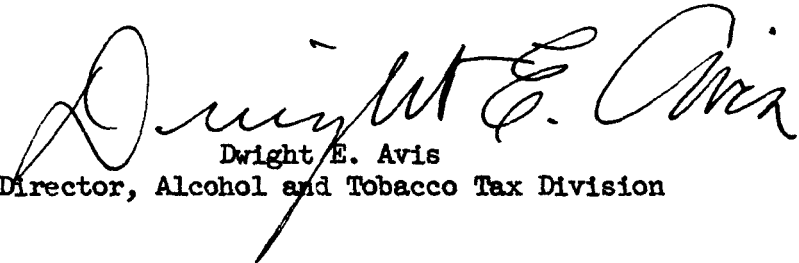
Proprietors of distilled spirits plants and  
of bonded wine cellars, manufacturers  
of nonbeverage products, and others  
concerned:

This is to advise you that effective November 30, 1960, the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has refused to authorize the use in food of saffrole, oil of sassafras, dihydrosaffrole, and iso-saffrole.

Laboratory studies by the Food and Drug Administration demonstrated saffrole, which is also the principal component of oil of sassafras, to be a carcinogen, and dihydrosaffrole and iso-saffrole to cause liver damage to test animals. Accordingly if you are using any of these ingredients in rectified products, special natural wines, or nonbeverage food products pursuant to an approved formula, the use thereof should be discontinued and the ingredients should be eliminated from the formula. The elimination of these ingredients from the formula may be accomplished in accordance with provisions of the applicable regulations.

Manufacturers of nonbeverage products are further advised that it will be considered contrary to public interest to allow drawback of tax on spirits used, in the future, in the manufacture of nonbeverage food products containing saffrole, oil of sassafras, dihydrosaffrole, or iso-saffrole.

Inquiries regarding this circular should refer to its number and be addressed to your assistant regional commissioner, alcohol and tobacco tax.

  
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